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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Notice of Ex Parte Communication** in the Matter of WC Docket No. 10-90, 05-337.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On October 11, 2012, Tom Koutsky, Chip Spann and me, of Connected Nation, met with Michael Byrne, Amy Bender, Ryan Yates and Joseph Cavender of the Wireline Competition Bureau. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the process for challenging broadband mapping data leveraged by the FCC to inform public policy. During the meeting, the FCC staff inquired whether Connected Nation as part of SBI mapping program conducts provider service change detection testing.

As we explained during the meeting, Connected Nation conducts provider service change detection testing on a systematic basis. We submit this ex parte filing to provide further information regarding this process.

First, following NTIA's rules for the State Broadband Initiative program, as part of the biannual data submission, Connected Nation includes detailed information for each provider regarding any changes and corrections to broadband inventory data submitted previously.

Second, as part of its ongoing field validation processes, Connected Nation monitors press releases, public announcements or provider websites searching for information regarding changes in a provider's service territory. When such changes are documented, Connected Nation may determine necessary to dispatch an engineer into the field to verify such data. Examples include field-checking recent additions or decommissions of a DSLAM or tower site, and expansion of copper or replacement of copper with fiber optic cable. Connected Nation may also determine necessary to

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revisit specific infrastructure components (e.g., tower sites) to identify new frequencies being used or changes in azimuth of a transmit antenna. Additionally, keeping in mind that participation is voluntary and that BIP awardees are not compelled to report their build-out activities, Connected Nation may deem necessary further field validations in an area, such as a residential neighborhood, seeking to identify changes that may have gone unreported by service providers.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the above-referenced dockets. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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